

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 5, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 73, HB 46, HB 57, HB 62,  
1/2/1998

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HOUSING REPORT**

**Testimony:** Tom Lewllyn reports on housing. **EXHIBIT**(buh02a01)  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 500}***

**HEARING ON HB 73**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Rose introduces HB 73. One stop licensing.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 89}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Mary Bryson, Director, Dept. of Revenue. **EXHIBIT**(buh02a02)

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 89 - 161}***

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director of Commerce.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 161 - 177}***

Ralph Peck, Director, Dept of Agriculture.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 177 - 184}***

Mark Simonich, Director of Environmental Quality.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 184 - 208}***

Kathleen Martin, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 208 - 215}***

Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 215 - 224}***

Riley Johnson, Montana Council of Independent Businesses.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 224 - 241}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Bitney, Tuss, Simon, Pavlovich questions witnesses.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 285}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Sam Rose closed HB 46.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 285 - 296}***

**HEARING ON HB 46**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Lawson, introduced HB 46 .

**EXHIBIT** (buh02a03)

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 296 - 401}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Frank Cote, Dep. Comm. of Insurance,  
State Auditor's Office.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 401 - 433}***

Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 446}***

Vernal Bertleson, Montana Senior Citizens Assn.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 446 - 475}***

Bill Olson, AARP

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 475 - 500}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** Keith Colbo, Am. Family Insurance.

**EXHIBIT** (buh02a04)

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 42}***

Steve Turkowitz, Montana Auto Dealers.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 42 - 50}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Ewer,  
Simon, Brown and Stovall questions witnesses

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 222}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep Lawson closed HB 46.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 222 - 239}***

**HEARING ON HB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Speaker John Mercer, HD 74  
introduced HB 57.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 239 - 310}***

**Proponents' Testimony:** Dick Croft, Commissioner of Higher Ed.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 310 - 370}***

Craig Polloff, MSU, Bozeman

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 370 - 410}**

Bob Fraser, University of Montana Campuses.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 410 - 450}**

Jake Ankey, MSU, student association.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 450 - 500}**

Larry Jones, Liberty NW Insurance.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 6}**

Sue Weingartner, Alliance of American Insurers. **EXHIBIT** (buh02a05)

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 20}**

Bev Darrow, Western Montana College

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20 - 50}**

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 88}**

Geo., Wood, Ex. Secy of Montana Self Insurers.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 98}**

**Opponents' Testimony:** Carl Swanson, CEO, State Fund

**EXHIBIT** (buh02a06)

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 98 - 280}**

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 280 - 333}**

**Informational Testimony:** Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 333 - 353}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Lawson, Sliter, Brown, Bookout, Krenzler, Pavlovich, Masolo, Ewer and Stovall questions witnesses.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 353 - 500}**

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Speaker Mercer closed.

**{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 250 - 332}**

### **HEARING ON HB 62**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Quilico, HD 36, introduced HB 62.

**{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 332 - 400}**

**Proponents' Testimony:** Dr. Peter Blouke, Director of Commerce

**{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 430}**

Anne Bartos, Legal Council for Dept. of Commerce

**{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 430 - 500}**

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 33}**

Frank Cote, State Auditors Office.

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 33 - 49}**

Bill Olson, AARP

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 49 - 60}**

Craig Sweet, Mont PRIG, **EXHIBIT** (buh02a07)

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 72}**

Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers. **EXHIBIT** (buh02a08)

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 72 - 81}**

Dan White, Montana Secretary of State's Office.

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 81 - 100}**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Witness:** Margaret Morgan, Montana Realtors Assn.

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 165}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Rep. Stovall, Pavlovich, Brown, Masolo, Tuss, Barnett, McKenney, Trexler, Bitney, and Sliter questions witnesses.

**{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 165 - 500}**

**{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 173}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Quillico, closed HB 62.

**{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 173 - 205}**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:04 P.M.

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REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (buh02aad)